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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2445

INFO AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DELAY IN GOB APPROVAL OF VISAS

ELEVEN EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS THIS POST SUBMITTED  
DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS BULGARIAN EMBASSY BETWEEN FOURTEEN AND  
TWENTY-FIVE DAYS AGO IN ORDER SECURE VISAS FOR ENTERING  
BULGARIA AS PARTICIPANTS COMMERCIAL TOURIST SKI TRIP SCHEDULED  
TO LEAVE ATHENS FEBRUARY 15 FOR SOFIA. IMPRESSION HERE IS  
THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY AND GOB DELIBERATELY DELAYING VISA  
ISSUANCE, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF RECENT BULGARIAN TRAWLER  
INCIDENT. BULGARIAN EMBASSY EXPLAINS DELAY MERELY BY CITING  
LACK OF APPROVAL FROM SOFIA. LOCAL SPONSOR OF TOUR,  
AMERICAN TRAVEL, HAS RECENT TELEGRAM FROM ITS AGENT SOFIA  
STATING TOUR IS CLEARED AND WELCOME, AND OTHER US CITIZENS  
HOLDING REGULAR PASSPORTS AND NOT REQUIRING VISAS ARE  
PLANNING TO DEPART WITH TOUR. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT  
AND GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT.  
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